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MARIJUANA RULING

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1. MEXICO CITY DAILIES MAY 30 CARRIED PRESS CONFERENCE
GIVE DAY BEFORE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, AND
STRESSING HIS CONCERN WITH IMPLICATIONS OF ALASKAN SUPREME
COURT RULING.

2. AG REFERRED TO WASHINGTON POST STORY WHICH REPORTED
ALASKAN SUPREME COURT HAD LEGALIZED POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
FOR HOME USE, AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK CONSULTATION WITH USG
"TO CLARIFY THE USG ATTITUDE IN THIS REGARD."

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3. AG ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, INDEPENDENT OF RULING'S

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EFFECT IN ALASKA, "IT SURELY WILL AFFECT THE GOM'S ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORTS", AND EXPLAINED THAT MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVOLVED IN BOTH MARIJUANA AND HEROIN TRAFFICKING; TO LIBERALIZE ONE ASPECT WILL CAUSE THEM TO INCREASE THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

4. AFTER READING POST STORY ALOUD AG SAID, "I AM SURPRISED THAT THE ALASKA SUPREME COURT POSITION DISREGARDS THAT IN THE SINGLE NARCOTICS CONVENTION, WHICH IS SIGNED BY MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES, MARIJUANA IS A NARCOTIC TO WHICH THE SAME SYSTEM OF SANCTIONS IS APPLIED AS AGAINST HEROIN."

5. AG ASKED HOW MARIJUANA COULD BE USED LEGALLY IN THE HOME IF IT COULD NOT BE PURCHASED LEGALLY. "IS SOCIETY EXPECTING THAT THE USER WILL BECOME AN ADDICT, SO THAT ACTION CAN THEN BE TAKEN TO REDEEM HIM TO SOCIETY?", HE ASKED.

6. AG STATED HE AWARE THAT QUESTION OF MARIJUANA USE BEING STUDIED CAREFULLY BY SAODAP. NOTED THAT MORE MEDICAL EVIDENCE BEING ACCUMULATED TO SHOW HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA USE.

7. FINALLY, AG SAID ALASKAN RULING SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED "WITH ALARMISM," BUT THAT IT COULD INDEED HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. AS FOR MEXICO, IT WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGNTY, TO CONSIDER MARIJUANA AN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC, AND TO WORK AS ENERGETICALLY, AS EVER TO COMBAT THE NARCOTIC TRAFFIC IN GENERAL.

8. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, PLEASE SEND GUIDANCE ASAP.
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